

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 2                   1.       A single layered printed fabric for applying a printed fabric  
3       pattern to an object, the printed fabric having a predetermined shape corresponding  
4       to the printed fabric pattern, the printed fabric comprising:  
5                   first and second portions being disposed adjacent each other;  
6                   a third portion printed on the first and second portions, the third  
7       portion representing a simulated stitch attaching the first portion to the second  
8       portion; and  
9                   a fourth portion printed on the first portion, the fourth portion  
10       representing a simulated stitch hole to simulate an appearance of a hole through  
11       which the stitch extends to simulate an appearance that the first portion is a top layer  
12       stitched onto the second portion which is a bottom layer.
- 1                   2.       The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion has an upper  
2       stitch portion.
- 1                   3.       The applique of claim 2 wherein the second portion has a  
2       lower stitch portion adjacent the upper stitch portion.
- 1                   4.       The applique of claim 3 wherein the third portion is printed  
2       on the upper and lower stitch portions to simulate the appearance of stitching.
- 1                   5.       The applique of claim 3 wherein the first portion includes an  
2       outer periphery to define a outer shape of the first portion, the upper stitch portion  
3       being adjacent the outer periphery of the first portion.
- 1                   6.       The applique of claim 1 wherein the third portion represents  
2       a simulated plurality of stitches to simulate an appearance of stitching the top layer  
3       to the bottom layer.

1                   7.     The applique of claim 6 wherein the fourth portion represents  
2 a simulated plurality of stitch holes to simulate the appearance of holes through  
3 which the simulated plurality of stitches are disposed.

1                   8.     The applique of claim 3 wherein the first portion includes an  
2 inner periphery to define an inner shape of the first portion, the upper stitch portion  
3 being adjacent the inner periphery of the first portion.

1                   9.     The applique of claim 1 wherein the fabric has top and bottom  
2 sides, the portions being printed on the top side, the bottom side having adhesive  
3 disposed thereon to apply the applique on the object.

1                   10.    The applique of claim 9 wherein the adhesive is heat sensitive.

1                   11.    The applique of claim 9 wherein the adhesive is pressure  
2 sensitive.

1                   12.    The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion has a first  
2 pigment and the second portion has a second pigment.

1                   13.    The applique of claim 12 wherein the third portion has a third  
2 pigment.

1                   14.    The applique of claim 13 wherein the third pigment is a shade  
2 of one of the first and second pigments.

1                   15.    The applique of claim 12 wherein the fourth portion has a  
2 fourth pigment.

1                   16.    The applique of claim 15 wherein the fourth pigment is a  
2 shade of one of the first and second pigments.

1 17. The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion includes a  
2 plurality of separate printed areas.

1 18. The applique of claim 1 wherein the second path includes a  
2 plurality of separate printed areas.

1 19. A method of making an applique for applying a printed fabric  
2 pattern to an object, the method comprising:  
3 providing an unprinted substrate for printing a design thereon;  
4 cutting the unprinted substrate to form a predetermined shape  
5 corresponding to the fabric pattern and to form a registration hole on the substrate;  
6 printing the fabric pattern on the unprinted substrate having the  
7 predetermined shape to define a printed substrate having the printed fabric pattern;  
8 and  
9 drying the printed substrate at a predetermined temperature and time  
10 period.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the substrate is a laminate  
2 having a fabric layer for printing the fabric pattern thereon, a release layer, and an  
3 adhesive layer disposed between the fabric layer and the release layer.

1 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the step of cutting includes  
2 kiss-cutting the laminate to cut only the fabric layer and the adhesive layer of the  
3 laminate.

1 22. The method of claim 19 wherein the step of cutting includes  
2 cutting the substrate to form a plurality of registration holes on the substrate.

1 23. The method of claim 19 wherein the predetermined  
2 temperature is between about 400 to 450 degrees Fahrenheit and the time period is  
3 about 10-25 seconds.

1                   24.    The method of claim 19 wherein the predetermined  
2   temperature and time period is a temperature and time period which shrinks the  
3   printed substrate.

1                   25.    The method of claims 20 wherein the step of printing includes:  
2                   printing a first portion on the fabric layer to form a simulated top  
3   layer, the first portion having an upper stitch portion;  
4                   printing a second portion adjacent the first portion on the fabric layer  
5   to form a simulated bottom layer, the second portion having a lower stitch portion  
6   adjacent the upper stitch portion;  
7                   printing a third portion on the upper and lower stitch portion to form  
8   a simulated stitch attaching the top layer to the bottom layer; and  
9                   printing a fourth portion on the upper stitch portion to simulate a  
10   stitch hole to simulate an appearance of a hole through which the stitch is disposed  
11   to simulate an appearance of the top layer being stitched to the bottom layer.

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